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## <u>VanderMeer Appointed to Midwestern Legislative Conference Agricultural and Natural</u> Resources Committee

**Madison** - State Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) has been appointed to the Council of State Governments Midwestern Legislative Conference Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee for the 2019-2020 biennium.

The Council of State Governments was founded in 1933 and is the nation's only organization that serves all three branches of state government. CSG is a region-based forum that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. Furthermore, CSG is a nonpartisan and inclusive organization charged with pursuing the priorities of it's member states, having a regional focus, a national presence and a global reach. The organizations mission is to champion excellence in state governments to advance the common good.

CSG Midwest focuses on meeting the needs of state policymakers and leaders in the nation's heartland, including 11 Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition, four Canadian provinces – Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan – are affiliate members of CSG's Midwest's Midwestern Legislative Conference.

The Midwestern Legislative Conference Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee will meet July 21-July 24 for the first time this biennium in Chicago. The committee provides a forum for state and provincial legislators to exchange information and ideas on agricultural policy at all levels of government. It represents state government on key regional and national issues, promotes the importance of agriculture to the U.S. economy and society, and guides Midwestern Legislative Conference projects related to agriculture and other policy issues impacting the rural Midwest.

"I once again find myself honored to have been nominated and chosen to represent our state and the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly District as part of the Midwestern Legislative Conference's Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee," VanderMeer said.

"As I've said before, I'm always striving to serve my constituents to the best of my ability, and the opportunity to learn from and with other elected officials from across the country and across the political spectrum aids that pursuit. The agriculture and natural resources focus of this endeavor is particularly timely, and I'm looking forward to this opportunity," VanderMeer continued.



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VanderMeer was nominated for and completed the Council of State Government's Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) in 2017, the U.S. Army War College's Commandant's National Security Program in Leader Development Training in 2017, and the National Conference of State Legislatures Early Learning Fellow Program with a focus on early learning and child development in 2018.

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.